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TO: Iowa Medicaid Participating Dentists

FROM: The Iowa Department of Human Services, Bureau of
Managed Care & Clinical Services

SUBJECT: Procedure Coding Changes

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandated uniform national standards for health information. Consequently, Iowa Medicaid initiated a review of all local "W" HCPCS codes that are unique to Iowa Medicaid. These local codes are being replaced by CDT-4 for dental services.

<u>Old Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>New Code</u>	<u>Requires PA</u>
W0860	ACTIVE TRMT MAXILLARY ARCH, TRANSFER	D8690	yes
W0861	ACTIVE TRMT MANDIBULAR ARCH, TRANSFER	D8690	yes
W5211	MAX PART DENTURE, RESIN BASE, POSTERIOR*	D5211	yes/posterior teeth
W5212	MAND PART DENTURE, RESIN BASE, POSTERIOR*R	D5212	yes/posterior teeth
W5213	MAX PART DENTURE, CAST METAL, POSTERIOR*	D5213	yes/posterior teeth
W5214	MAND PART DENT, CAST METAL, POSTERIOR*	D5214	yes/posterior teeth
W8550	CONSTRUCT/PLACE, PROVIDE ACTIVE TRMT MAX	D8080	yes
W8551	CONSTRUCT/PLACE, PROVIDE ACTIVE TRMT MAN	D8080	yes

NOTE: REMEMBER, THESE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE 07/01/03 AND AFTER. Continue to use the local "W" codes for Prior Authorizations that have already been approved.

If you have any questions, please contact ACS, fiscal agent of the Iowa Department of Human Services, at 1-800-338-7909 or locally at 515-327-5120.